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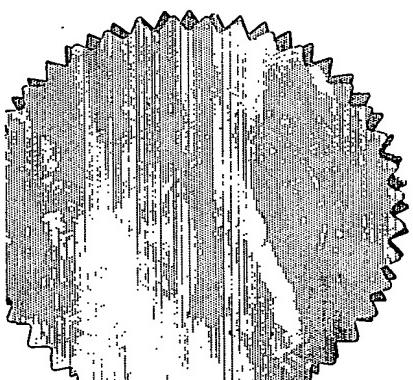
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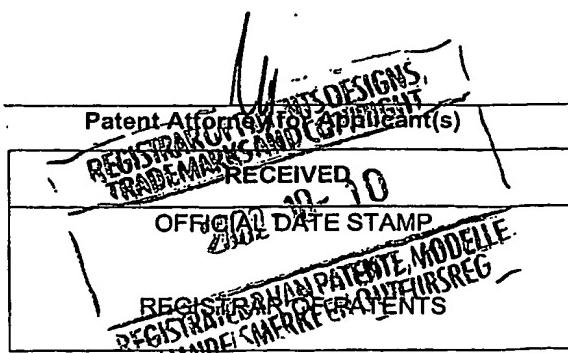
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**CONTAINER ASSEMBLY****FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

This invention relates to a container assembly and more particularly, but not exclusively, to a container assembly for holding a prize.

**BACKGROUND TO THE INVENTION**

United States patent number 5,099,232 entitled "Prize holding container assemblies" in the name of James P Howes discloses a container for holding a prize. By providing an audible and/or visual prize related message delivery system cooperatively associated with a container shell, which is closed in a conventional manner, a container assembly is achieved for randomly distributing prize awards to consumers in association with any product, without fear of consumer detection of the prize bearing containers. The container assembly may incorporate the actual product along with the prize related message delivery system or may comprise a simulated product container bearing the prize related message delivery system without the actual product. In both embodiments, the container assembly is completely indistinguishable from non-prize bearing, product-holding containers.

**OBJECT OF THE INVENTION**

It is an object of the invention to provide a container assembly of the type described above.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

In accordance with the invention there is provided a container comprising a container body defining a main compartment; an insert located in the main compartment and defining a secondary compartment; the secondary compartment having a lid for sealing a liquid therein; and the container having a container lid to seal the insert inside the container.

There is provided for the lid to include notification means.

A yet further feature of the invention provides for the notification means to be a tag removably located under the lid.

A still further feature provides for the main compartment to have an inner sleeve, for the sleeve to be divided into two halves to facilitate insertion thereof in the main compartment.

The insert abuts against ends of the two-part sleeve to locate the two parts sleeve snugly within the main compartment.

Further features of the invention provide for the container lid to be a screw-threaded lid locatable over the insert and for the notification means to be located between the insert and the lid.

These and other features of the invention are described in more detail below.

#### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

One embodiment of the invention is described below by way of example only and with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 shows an exploded view of a container assembly;

Figure 2 shows a cross-sectional side view of the container assembly of figure 1; and

Figure 3 shows a perspective view of the container of figures 1 and 2.

#### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

With reference to the drawings, a container assembly is generally indicated by reference numeral 1.

- The container assembly includes a container body 2 defining a main compartment 4 and having an insert 8 located in the main compartment 4.
- The insert 8 defines a secondary compartment 5. The secondary compartment 5 includes a lid 7 for sealing a liquid therein as is more fully described below.

The container body includes a container lid 3 for sealing the insert 8 in the main compartment 4.

A two-part sleeve 6 is inserted inside the main compartment.

The sleeve is made of two parts to facilitate insertion thereof in the main compartment 4. When the insert 8 is located within the main compartment 4 it abuts upper ends of the two part sleeve 6 thereby securing the sleeves inside the main compartment 4.

A further insert (not shown) is provided to force the two part sleeve 6 against the inner sides of the main compartment 4.

The lid 3 is screw threaded or may be press fit on the container body 2.

In use, the outside of the container body 2 has markings similar to those of a product to be distributed. For example, the markings may resemble that of a well-known beverage so that the container assembly is indistinguishable from the normal product containers. A prize may be located in the main

... compartment 4 and a liquid such as water is sealed in the secondary compartment 5.

The purpose of the secondary compartment is to receive a substance therein so that the container 1, together with the substance in the secondary compartment 5 and the prize located in the main compartment 4, matches the weight of the normal product sold in a similar container.

The purpose of the sleeve 6 is to strengthen the container so that the container feels as if the normal product is located therein.

It is envisaged that the container described herein will be convenient to use in a promotional exercise whereby prizes are randomly distributed in a selected number of containers. The container described herein will have a look and feel similar to the containers used for the distribution of the normal product.

The invention is not limited to precise details as herein described. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that many other embodiments are possible without departing from the scope of the invention.

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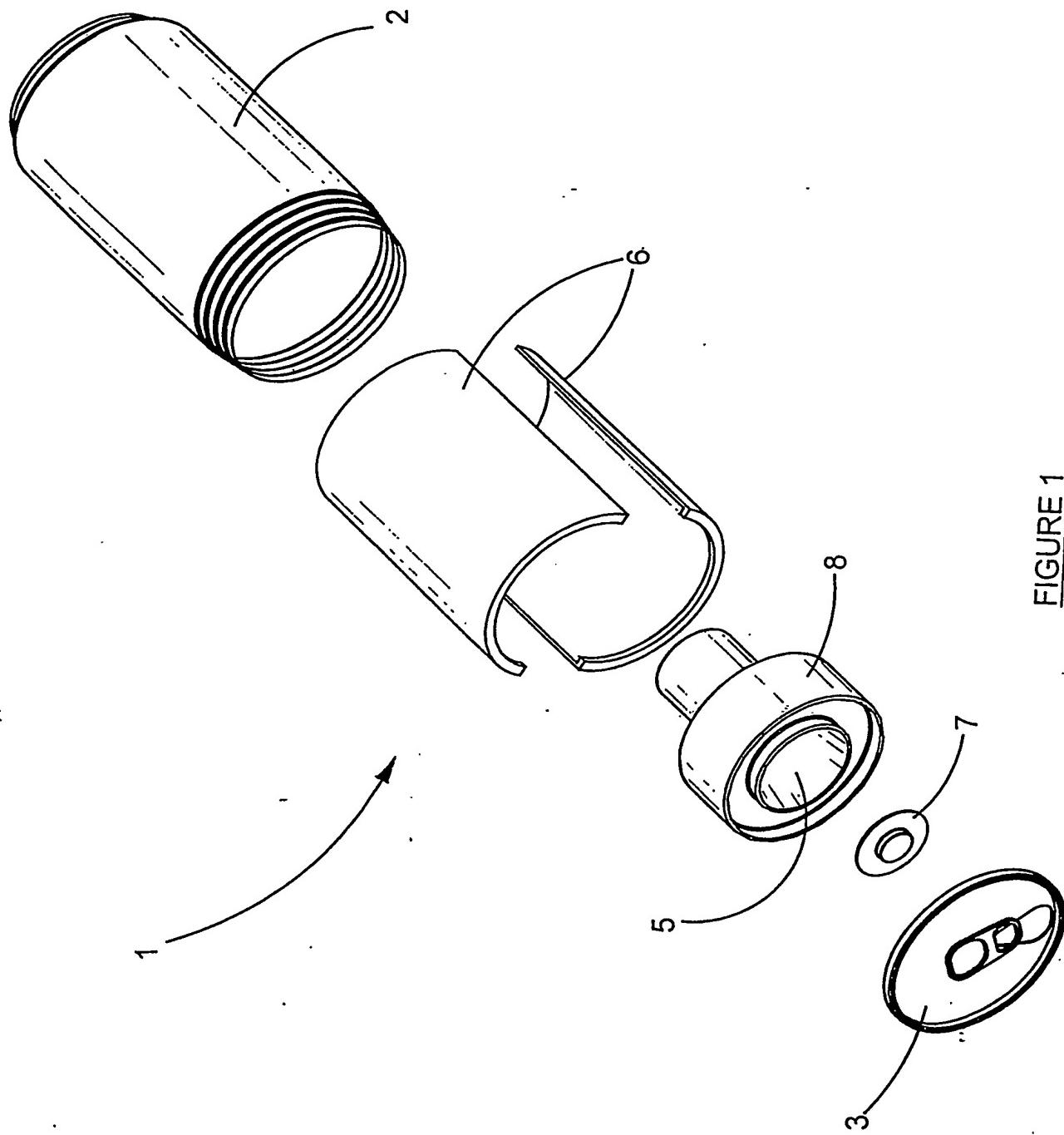


FIGURE 1

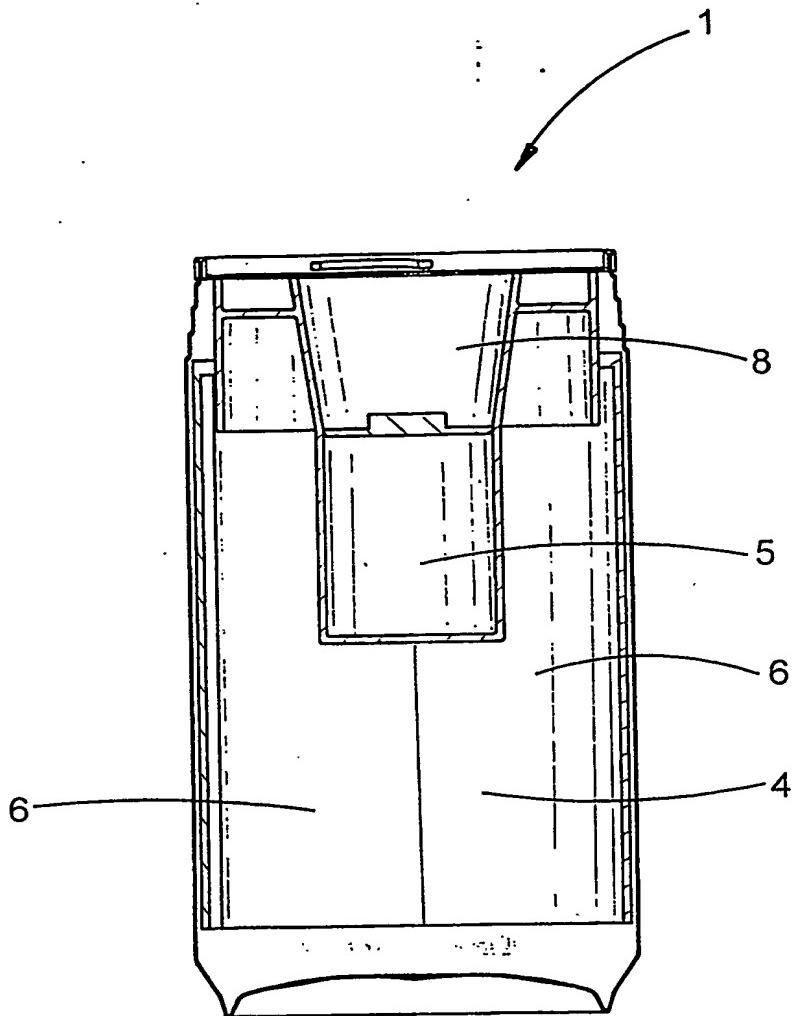


FIGURE 2

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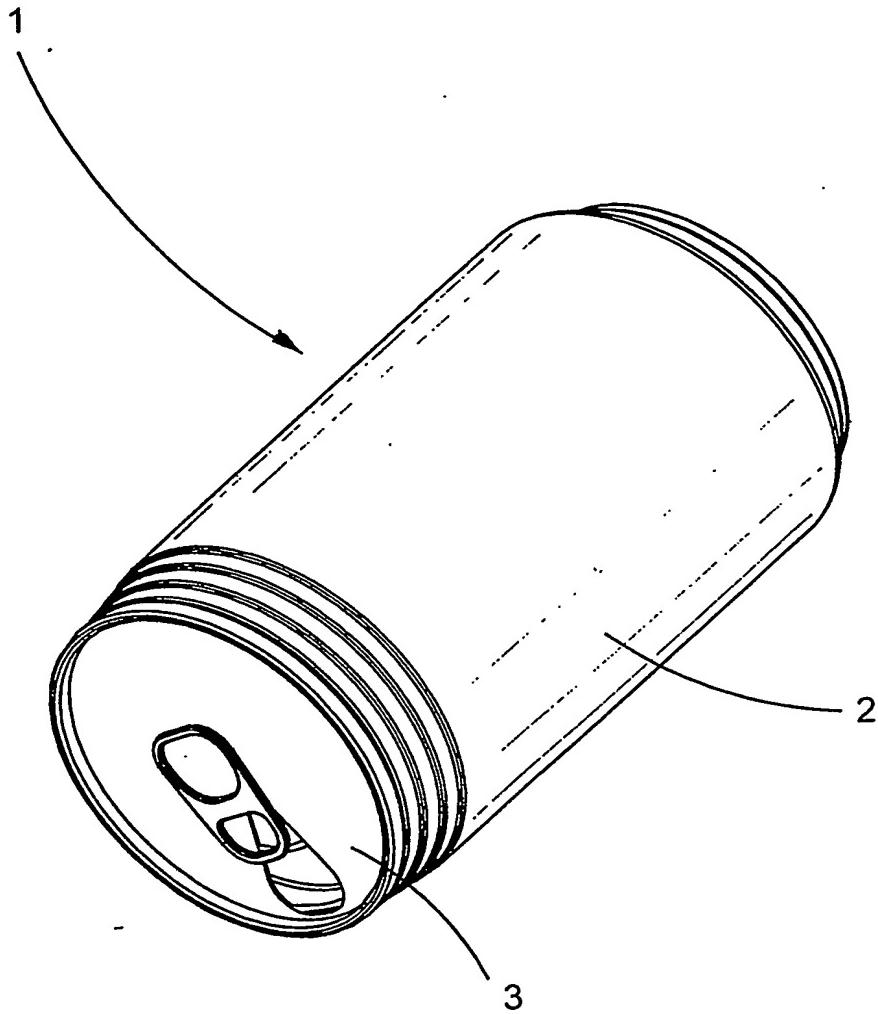


FIGURE 3